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1. On 17 April 1953 the Chinese Communist Central Military Council ordered the preparation of plans for the expansion of air force military and political cadre schools. The plans were to be submitted to the military planning department of the Central Military Council for approval; they were to be implemented in July 1953. The military council order stipulated the following:
 - a. Schools with 500 or more trainees were to be expanded to 1,000 trainees; schools with 300 to 500 trainees were to be expanded to 800 trainees; and schools with less than 300 trainees, were to be expanded to 500 trainees.
 - b. Both the Northeast and East China Military Areas were authorized to establish branch schools, if necessary.
 - c. After completion of the expansion program, admission standards of the schools were to be lowered, but standards of political and personal reliability were to be maintained.
 - d. The training programs for persons already in these schools in mid-April 1953 could be shortened, but shortened only to a period not less than nine months.
2. In mid-April there were six air force military and political cadre schools training 3,200 students. The schools were at Lanchou, Ch'engtu, Nanking, Chengchou (N 34-45, E 113-40), Mukden, and Shihchiachuang (N 38-02, E 114-28).

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Comment. from the same source, reported that in June 1953, the Chinese Communists were expanding the buildings of the aviation school at Paoting (N 38-52, E 115-29) and the ground installations at Paoting

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Airfield in order to provide a junior training base in the North China Military Area for the Chinese Communist Air Force. [REDACTED], from a different source, reported a decision in February by the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council to provide additional training for political cadres. As a result, over 1,200 political cadres drawn from units of the North China Military Area arrived at Hsiyuan (6007/5373), Peiping, on 1 April for the first training class. [REDACTED]

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